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In re patent application of:

Applicant: M. Moriya et al.
Serial No.: Unknown
Filed: Herewith
For: **OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING DUAL INFORMATION SURFACES**
Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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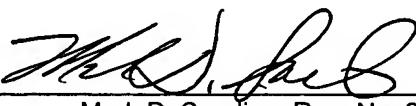
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	AF	5	1	4	6	4	3	8	09/92	Harper	369	13	
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	AH	5	3	0	3	2	2	5	04/94	Satoh et al.	369	275.3	
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AO	Search Report for European Patent Application Serial No. 95120544.2 dated January 30, 1997.
	AP	Search Report for European Patent Application Serial No. 98110772.5 dated January 28, 1999.
	AQ	Office Action for Korean Patent Application Serial No. 95-72171 dated November 23, 1998.
	AR	Chinese Office Action Patent Application No. 99105035.5 dated November 7, 2003
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